

# **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1, 2B)

West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference call at (561) 682-6700

Meet-me number (866) 433-6299 - Meeting ID #3874

**Friday September 18, 2009**

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates
  - a) Meeting began at 09:00 AM.
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
  - a) Committee Members
    1. Janet Llewellyn, Chair, DEP (Teleconference)
    2. Terrie Bates, Vice Chair, SFWMD
    3. Eric Hughes, USEPA (replaces Veronica Fasselt on committee)
    4. Matt Davis, DERM (Teleconference)
    5. Tori White, USACE (Teleconference)
    6. Jeff Rosenfeld, MFL
    7. Howard Hayes, BMMR (Alternate DEP - Teleconference)
    8. Tim King, FFWCC (Teleconference)
  - b) Other meeting attendees
    1. Lee Chitty, Contractor SFWMD
    2. Barbara Katz, SFWMD
    3. Tom MacVicar, MFL
    4. Susan Brown, SFWMD
    5. Marjorie Moore, SFWMD
    6. Anita Bain, SFWMD
    7. Maura Merkal, SFWMD
    8. Tom Lodge, MDLPA
    9. Raymond Sciortino, SFWMD Contractor
    10. Leah Oberlin, Alternate USACE

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Virginia Wolf, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer
2. Jason Smith, SFWMD
3. Jorge Jaramillo, SFWMD
4. Evan Skornick, DERM

3. Review and Approve minutes from 04/17/09 meeting – Terrie Bates

Minutes were reviewed with no corrections. Motion to pass the minutes as prepared, was approved.

4. Review of Construction & Funding for the Seepage Mitigation Plan – Tom MacVicar

Tom presented a memo dated September 18, 2009 that discussed the “Status of the L-31N Seepage Barrier Test Project and Request for Remaining Funds”. He indicated that construction of the Seepage Barrier had gone smoothly and no problems were encountered. Tom requested that an additional \$80,000 of funding be approved by the committee. The initial payment will come from the balance of the existing Krome seepage funds, approximately \$35,000, with the balance to come from the Lake Belt Fund. A motion was made by Tori White, seconded by Eric Hughes. Motion was approved for this funding structure. **Action 1** – Tom MacVicar will provide the committee with seepage data at the December 11, 2009 meeting.

5. 8.5 SMA Project Update – Marjorie Moore

Marjorie introduced Raymond Sciortino who is working on the 8.5 SMA project design. Marjorie gave an update on the top soil removal portion (Contract #1) for Phase One (176.5 acres) of the 8.5 SMA mitigation project. Marjorie anticipates the design phase to be completed by December 2009 with construction beginning in March 2010. The second part of Phase One (Contract #2) will begin in September 2010 and will include mapping the appropriate solution holes for excavation, followed by engineering design and contract award in February 2011. Marjorie further discussed the need to approve funding for Phases 2 and 3 (approximately 292 acres plus one additional acre from Phase 1). **Action 2** – Marjorie Moore will prepare cost estimates for Phases 2 and 3 and report back at the next LBMC meeting.

6. In-lieu Fee Mitigation Instrument – Leah Oberlin, USACE

Leah presented a copy of the Federal Register, Part 332 concerning in-lieu fee applicability to the Lake Belt Mitigation Committee. Janet wanted to clarify that discussion among agencies regarding federal regulations and the in-lieu fee is a regulatory issue and therefore not subject to the Florida Sunshine laws that govern the Committee members. **Action 3** – Leah will prepare a summary document outlining Part 332 of the Federal Register and provide it to the committee members for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Willing Seller Update – Barbara Katz

Leah Oberlin requested updated information regarding the initiative to contact willing sellers within Pennsuco. **Action 4** – Barbara to provide the Committee with a copy of the “willing seller letter” from the last mailing and present the committee with prior contact data and discuss the possibility of a new mailing.

8. Public comment – None.

9. Next Meeting Dates

Friday, December 11, 2009, 9:00 AM at SFWMD

8. Meeting Adjourned

**Action Item Summary:**

**Action 1** – Tom MacVicar will provide the committee with seepage data at the December 11, 2009 meeting.

**Action 2** – Marjorie Moore will prepare cost estimates for the engineering design portion of Phase 2 and 3 and report back at the next LBMC meeting.

**Action 3** – Leah will prepare a summary document outlining Part 332 of the Federal Register, in-lieu fees, and provide it to the committee members for discussion at the next meeting.

**Action 4** – Barbara to provide the Committee with a copy of the “willing seller letter” from the last mailing and present the committee with prior contact data and discuss the possibility of a new mailing.